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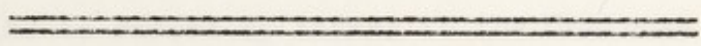
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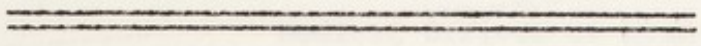
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T. M. B. ROHAN,

M.B., B.CH., B.A.O., D.P.H.



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REPORT

ON THE

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
SKELTON & BROTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr . Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1968, the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation once again to be the main cause with cancer taking second place.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally, I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Mrs. D. E. Seccombe, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M.	B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspector	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray Mr. G. K. Hope

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Mrs. K. Smith	Health Visitor
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. D. E. Seccombe	Clerk/Typist

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Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1968 is 14,140 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1967 of 13,760.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures :-

1. Area of the District in acres	...	...	...	...	15,419
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books					4,841
3. Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£279,457
4. Sum represented by a penny rate			...	...	£1,082

TABLE 2

		<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	...	135	124	259
Legitimate	...	124	119	243
Illegitimate	...	11	5	16

Still Births	...	2	4	6
Legitimate	...	1	2	3
Illegitimate	...	1	2	3

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

		MALE	FEMALE
Total	...	8	3
Legitimate	...	8	2
Illegitimate	...	-	1

The number of births registered being 259 gives a corrected birth-rate of 19.8 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 16.9 for England and Wales. Eleven infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 42.5 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 18.3.

TABLE 3 - Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH					MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	1	-
Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	...	...	...	...	6	4
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	7	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	...	...	...	...	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	...	...	...	...	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc.	...	...	...	...	6	6
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	-	1
Anaemias	...	...	...	...	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	...	...	...	...	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	26	18
Other forms of Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	3	7
Cerebrovascular Disease	...	...	...	...	12	12
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	6	7
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	...	3	2
Other Disease of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	2	1
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	2	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	...	...	...	...	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	...	...	...	...	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	...	...	...	...	2	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	...	...	...	...	3	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	-	1
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	1	3
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	...	...	...	...	1	-
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	88	80

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 168 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 13.5 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.9 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1968
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	2	3	4	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	Age un-known
Scarlet Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ...	45	3	5	7	9	4	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis

One new case of non-respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year.

There were two deaths from tuberculosis during 1968.

TABLE 5

Immunisation and Vaccination

<u>Immunisation against Diphtheria</u>	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	202	34	-	236
Reinforcing Doses	-	-	85	85
<u>Immunisation against Whooping Cough</u>		0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed		236	-	236
<u>Vaccination (Smallpox)</u>	PRIMARY		RE-VACCINATION	
	47		20	
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	280		174	

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough.

2. National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47

No procedure has been taken during the year.

SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of
Skelton and Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my tenth Annual Report to the Council for the year 1968.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, and to my assistant, Mr. R. M. Chalmers, to my clerk, Mrs. J. A. Hudson, to the Rodent Operator, Mr. R. A. Winter and to all my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

Certain information in the report relating to sewerage and improvement grants has been kindly provided by your Surveyor.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. RHODES

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below :-

TABLE 6

	No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses ...	296
Conversions ...	Nil
Slaughterhouses ...	1269
Factories ...	10
Food Premises ...	101
Water Supplies ...	13
Drainage and Sewerage	40
Pests ...	715
Infectious Diseases	3
Council house repairs	255
Miscellaneous ...	<u>778</u>
	<u>3480</u>

WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows :-

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	4821
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	-
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs ...	20

Eight samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Skelton	2	2	-
Brotton	2	2	-
Moorsholm	1	1	-
Lingdale	2	1	-
Boosbeck	1	1	-

TABLE 9

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

Number of conversions carried out under voluntary grant scheme	...	0
Number of conversions carried out by Council	... ..	0
Number of conversions carried out in connection with Improvement Grants and Standard Grants	... ..	15
Number of pan closets remaining (including outlying houses and farms)	... ..	34

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 992 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1969, the cost of the service was estimated at £12,850.

Other details relating to this service were :-

Total mileage of vehicles	... ..	18,918
Trade refuse collected - Loads	... ..	212
Bins	... ..	969

FACTORIES

Tables 10, 11 and 12 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced ...	3	2	-	-
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	18	10	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced ...	3	3	-	-
TOTALS	24	15	-	-

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature ...	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation ...	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

TABLE 12

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-
) Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-
) and	-	-	-	-	-	-
) Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table shows registrations and general inspections relating to the above Act.

TABLE 13

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	1
Retail Shops	34	34
Wholesale shops, warehouses	4	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5	1
Fuel storage depots	-	-

HOUSING

Details of housing work are given in the following tables :-

TABLE 14

Housing Appendix - Statistics

1. <u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</u>		
1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)		49
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		247
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932		0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		0
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		5
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation		26
2. <u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices</u>		
(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers		21

Housing Statistics - continued

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

A.	Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 or the Housing Act, 1957	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a)	By Owners	0
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a)	By Owners	5
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	2
C.	Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	5
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing Orders	1
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	0
D.	Clearance Areas	
(1)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	0
(2)	Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders	0
(3)	Number of houses included in Clearance Orders demolished	0
(4)	Number of persons displaced	0
(5)	Number of families displaced	0

4. Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding

(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Not known
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	1

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made	...	...	...	...	28
Number of Improvement Grants refused	...	...	...	...	-
Number of Standard Grants made	...	...	...	...	35

Rent Act, 1957

No visits were made in connection with the Rent Act, 1957.

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	...	...	9
Number of private houses erected during year	...	...	171

Council Housing

The Council own 773 houses and 6 shops as follows :-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Shops</u>
Skelton	334	1
Brotton	270	5
Boosbeck	108	-
Lingdale	61	-
	<u>773</u>	<u>6</u>

Re-housing

No. of families re-housed during year	...	...	...	...	63
No. of housing applicants at 31st Decembred, 1968	...	...	...	...	217

Analysis of Waiting List

Accommodation Required	Number of applicants
Bungalows	117
Houses	
Skelton	136
Lingdale	10
Boosbeck	5
Brotton	13
Hollybush	1
More than one estate	<u>52</u>
	334
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FOOD

General

There are 116 food premises in the area, and 88 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows :-

Public Houses	...	...	...	...	19
Off-Licence Premises	...	...	...	...	7
Clubs (5 Workingmen's Clubs, 1 British Legion, 4 Institutes)	...	...	...	...	10
Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	...	...	11
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers	...	...	...	...	67
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	5
Ice Cream Retailers	...	...	...	...	62
Butchers	...	...	...	...	9
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	2
Cafes and Canteens	...	...	...	...	2

101 visits were made to various food premises.

Milk

The Council are responsible for milk registration as shown in Table and for retail milk sampling

TABLE 15
Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

- (i) Number of samples of raw milk examined = 16
- (ii) Number of positive samples found = Nil

A notice was served on Mr. Bell on 23rd August, 1967, requiring that no milk from Hollybush Farm be sold for human consumption or used in the manufacture of products for human consumption unless it has been treated, or in the case of a sale, is sold subject to its being treated before consumption. This notice is still in force.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are three private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. One slaughterhouse is being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area was 13,348 as compared with 13,148 in 1967 and 13,647 in 1966. One thousand two hundred and sixty nine visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday visits.

The income for the year from meat inspection charges amounted to £628-19-3d.

There are 8 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

<u>Other Foods Condemned</u>	lbs.	ozs.
Cooked Shoulder	11	8
Corned Beef	6	0
Tinned Ham	1	0
Stewed Steak		13½
Lunch Tongues		6
Minced Pork	8	0
Tinned Salmon	1	14
Tinned Fruit Cocktail	13	12½
Tin's Quality Milk Top		12
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	44	2

TABLE 16

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2483 2483	120 120	7 7	7944 7944	2794 2794	- -
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	2	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	419	5	-	124	102	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and Cysti- cerci	16.81%	4.17%	-	1.58%	3.69%	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.18%	-
Cysticercosis Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	3	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 17
FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1968

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS		COWS		SHEEP		PIGS		TOTAL lb
	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	
C. Bovis	30	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Abcesses	150	422	-	-	-	-	40	-	612
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	6	-	4	-	10
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162	162
Bruising and Injuries	-	-	-	-	6	-	18	-	24
Parasites	-	4861	-	-	44	529	-	308	5742
Haemangioma	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Cirrhosis	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	40
Angioma	-	142	-	82	-	-	-	-	224
Pleurisy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	28
Meningo-coccal infection	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	35
Miscellaneous	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
TOTAL	180	5490	-	82	91	529	102	498	6972
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration	1393	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1393

Adulteration

The Chief County Health Inspector reports that 14 samples of foods of various descriptions were taken in the Urban District, all of which were reported as satisfactory.

One complaint of glass in a can of salmon was referred by me for investigation. The Public Analyst reported that the alleged glass was in fact crystallized salts which may arise in this product due to lengthy storage.

CLEAN AIR

Following complaints in the Carlin How area of dust from the Skinningrove Works of Tarmac Roadstone Limited tests were taken and the advice was sought of the District Alkali Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Dr. Rohan and I met the representatives of Tarmac Roadstone Limited, who agreed to carry out major improvements at the Skinningrove Works during their financial year 1969/70.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council's sewers were treated twice and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1968. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

There are 31 farms and 10 business premises in the Rodent Control Contract scheme.

Details of work done are set out below :-

	<u>Properties Treated</u>	
	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Domestic Premises	22	31
Business Premises	8	18
Allotments	-	-
Farms	30	12
Schools	2	4

DISINFESTATIONS

Four infestations were dealt with during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There are seven licensed sites in the area, although three of these relate to individual caravans.

41 visits were made to sites during the year.

KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made

SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There are 7 persons registered as Scrap Metal Dealers under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

